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Northern Air Region
Dept. of the District

Virginia Air Board
c/o Terry Darton
Air Permit Manager
13901 Crown Court
Woodbridge, VA 22193

Dear Air Board,

I would like to add my support to the Potomac River Generating Station and their attempt to get permission allowing them to upgrade their facility. I am retired and have lived in this community for 30 years now, so I believe my interest in preserving our life here as well as our environment should be evident.

Unfortunately, it seems that some in City Council have put their personal agendas ahead of the wellbeing of our community members. They are doing what they can to try and force the closure of Mirant Power and it makes no difference to them what efforts are made by Mirant to improve their plant.

Mirant has taken steps and have requested permission to improve their plant with this smoke stack merge project that will allow them to not only meet environmental guidelines, but ~~beat~~ *speed* them without making unsightly additions to the existing plant. They should be applauded and encouraged to make these changes instead of having roadblocks put in their way year after year. *(H)*

The community needs this power to continue being fed into our grid, or brownouts are the future we can all expect. Please give Mirant the support they need. Approve their permits and allow them to carry on doing what they do best.

Thank you,

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